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Representative Urban To Address Women's Conference



On Thursday, February 3rd, State Rep. Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, will address the 11th annual Making Women Visible Day at the State Capitol. This year's event theme is "Balancing Work and Family" and is sponsored by the Legislature's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), the Connecticut Women's Agenda (CWA), the CT Women's Health Campaign (CWHC) and the National Association of Women Business Owners-

CT Chapter (NAWBO-CT).

The 2005 Making Women Visible Day begins with a press conference in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford at 9:30 a.m. Rep. Urban, who serves as a member of the Legislature's Commerce Committee, will address the "Women Business Owners: developing successful microenterprises," segment which begins at 11 a.m. in Room 1D.

In 2002, Rep. Urban established the Small Business Advocacy Task Force, which is designed to address issues for small businesses in Southeastern Connecticut. She has also introduced several initiatives passed into law that came about as recommendations of the task force. She received the Connecticut Economic Development Fund's (CEDF) Microenterprise Advocacy Award. In July 2004, Rep. Urban was honored for serving as an effective advocate for the business community as a member of the General Assembly by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). The organization bestowed the first annual Diana Urban Award, which is named in perpetuity for her.

The PCSW was established by the CT General Assembly in 1973. The Commission studies all matters concerning women, informs leaders about the nature and scope of discrimination, serves as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women, promotes consideration of women for governmental positions and works with state agencies to access programs and practices as they affect women. The Connecticut Women's Agenda comprised of approximately 25 organizations was initiated by the PCSW to provide an opportunity for groups that work on women's issues to share information and ideas.